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The Honorable John Boehner
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The Honorable Harry Reid
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Senator Reid, and Senator McConnell:

With millions of Americans continuing to struggle in the economic downturn, it is critical that Congress come together and move forward on common-sense proposals to grow our economy and help struggling middle-class families. These are not partisan issues – they’re American ones. Unfortunately, however, partisan gridlock continues to stand in the way of getting the work of the American people done. It is past time to lay aside the partisan rhetoric, roll up our sleeves, and get to work.

If Congress does not act to extend the payroll tax cut for working families before the end of this year, millions of Americans will see a tax hike they just can’t afford. If this tax cut is allowed to expire, a typical American family making \$50,000 a year would see their taxes go up by \$1,000. I know my constituents can’t afford that tax increase in these tough times. But, if Congress comes together and does what’s right for hard-working Americans by extending and expanding the payroll tax cut, a family making \$50,000 would get an extra \$500 in their pocket and would receive a tax cut of \$1,500 over the course of the next year.

That is why I call on you to keep the House of Representatives and the Senate in Washington as long as is necessary to do what’s right and extend the payroll tax cut. I don’t believe Congress should go home for the holidays until the work of the American people is done.

I continue to stand ready to work with you and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move forward on a tax cut for middle-class families.

Sincerely,



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